

No. 4:18-CV-143-D

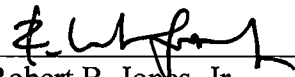
Defendant.

ORDER

A party generally may not seek discovery prior to conducting the Rule 26(f) conference. Fed.

R. Civ. P. 26(d)(1). The rule does, however, provide for exceptions, and early discovery may be had when authorized by a court order. *Id.* Courts have allowed discovery after entry of default for the purpose of gaining information to support a motion for default judgment. *Alstom Power, Inc. v. Graham*, No. 3:15CV174, 2016 WL 354754, at *2 (E.D. Va. Jan. 27, 2016) (collecting cases). Here, Plaintiff has shown good cause to allow early discovery where the information sought will aid in reducing this matter to judgment. Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion for leave to serve a third-party subpoena prior to conducting the Rule 26(f) conference is allowed.

SO ORDERED, this the 31 day of January 2019.



Robert B. Jones, Jr.
United States Magistrate Judge